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Title: Compositions for Chemical-Mechanical Planarization of Noble-Metal-Featured Substrates, Associated Methods, and Substrates Produced By Such Methods  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to a final office action that was mailed on December 18, 2003, setting a shortened statutory period for response that expired on March 18, 2004. A three-month extension of time is hereby requested. Entry and consideration of this response are earnestly requested, as it addresses rejections that were newly presented in the final office action. The response is believed to put the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for consideration on appeal. In view of the following amendment and remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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